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The Honorable Kay Granger  
Chairwoman  
Committee on Appropriations  
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The Honorable Rosa DeLauro  
Ranking Member  
Committee on Appropriations  
1036 Longworth HOB  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro,

I am requesting funding for the Wood Avenue Signal Improvement Project in Fiscal Year 2024. The entity receive funding for this project is the City of Linden, located at 201 North Wood Avenue, Linden, NJ 07036. This project will make improvements to address signal operation and pedestrian accessibility at ten signalized intersections, along a one-mile corridor of North/ South Wood Avenue and for improvements to the existing emergency vehicle warning traffic control devices related to City of Linden Fire Station No. 1. The traffic signal equipment upgrades, and the pedestrian accommodations were proposed in a study completed by Colliers Engineering in July 2022. When implemented the project will improve traffic flow, reduce vehicular congestion, enhance the public transportation experience along the corridor, create a more walkable downtown, and improve emergency vehicle response times. This is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will improve quality of life and public safety for the people of Linden.

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The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by chapter 53 of title 49 of the United States Code.

I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,



Donald M. Payne, Jr.  
Member of Congress

